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G.R., G D., No. 2408, dated 22-6-22.]

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No. 10 A/1629.

Office of the Deputy Engineer.
Minor Irrigation Sub-Division,
Bijapur. 24th November 1948.

To

The Executive Engineer,
Kanara Division, KARWAR

Subject:- Checking of roadside materials in Haliyal Sub-Division for the year 1948-49

Reference:- R-67(AB) dated 18-11-1948.

In this connection I have to report that in the first instance measurements of 30 heaps in furlong 6 of mile 8 of S. H. to Suva Haliyal Road were recorded and a bill was prepared with other works done by the contractor and was passed by the Head Office and paid

At the time of next bill, 6 additional heaps were made in furlong 6 totalling the quantity to 36 heaps. In accordance with established practice of recording measurements the measurements were recorded of 36 heaps in that furlong along heaps in furlong 7. In recording such quality I had correctly measured and recorded but [illegible] have deducted these 30 heaps in furlong 6 of mile 8 which were already paid, which is not done through oversight and rush of work in the month of March, thus a bonafide mistake is occurred, and is resulted in excess payment. This bill was also audited and paid by the Head Office. This mistake is slipped from the eyesof the Head Office and the bill came to be paid as submitted.

In this connection I wish to point out that I was working single handed and was handicapped for want of Head Clerk who could have been of some help to detect such mistake.

As regards recovery of amount I have to request you to please effect necessary adjustments in the contractor's final bill and recover the amount if necessary from his security deposit.

Sd/- D. B. Shetwal,
Deputy Engineer
Bijapur Minor Irrigation Sub-Dn.

Extract .....

Extract para 1 from Executive Engineer, Kanara Division's letter No. K-6//A8, dated the 20th December 1948, regarding statement showing annual check of road-side materials during 1948.

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"Your Nos. K-67 dated 11-11-48 and 11-12-48

Your para 1 and 2 :- The details of the discrepancy are as under:-

The balance of laterite metal in mile 8 of Supa Haliyal Road as per return was 23002 cft., but according to the measurements taken by the checking officer, the actual quantity in that mile comes to 23002 20391 cft., thus finding a deficit of 2611 cft. On going through the details it is seen that Mr. Shetwal has measured heaps in furlong 6 of mile 8 twice and they were paid. Copy of the explanation bearing No. 10-A/- 1629 dated 24-11-1948 received from Mr. Shetwal in this connection is enclosed herewith and I have to offer the following remarks thereon:

Mr. Shetwal states in para 2 of his explanation that he SHOULD should have deducted the 30 heaps already paid for from the original measurements which is not done through oversight and due to rush of work in the month of March. He also adds that the mistake was not also detected in Head Office, while pasing the bill. In this connection, I forward herewith Measurement Book No. 521 in which measurements of metal in the said furlong have been recorded by Mr. Shetwal on page 95 It will be seen therefrom that Mr. Shetwal has added as well as deducted the quantity previsoul y paid as usual, and as such the measurements are not defective through audit point of view, but the original measurements recorded by him on site of work are excessive, which fact cannot be detected while checking the bill in Divisional Office. His statement that the mistake was due to rush of work in March is also incorrect as these measurements were recorded by him on 15.6.1947. Another reason put forth by the Sub-Divisional Officer that he was working single handed without head clerk is also not true as a Head Clerk was working under him during that period . In the circumstances, Mr. Shetwal is solely responsible for the discrepancy.

Extract from Measurement Book No. 521 Page 95 - Pertaining to the Kanara Division (Haliyal Sub-Division).

Date of measurement	Particulars of work.	Details. No.	L	B	D	Contents or area.	Last measurements Page.	Last measurements Quantity.	Total todate.
15-6-47	S. R. Mile 7,8.9.10 of Supa Haliyal Road Situation ~~#~~ @ sote; Agency -Mr. R. H. Al reker. Agree,emt No. B-2/37HO for 1945-46.								
	Work order issued 22-1-46 Date of Completion 28-2-1947 (vide pages 93 and 94 of Measuremont Book No. 521).								
	Collecting, carting and stacking to roadside in mile 7/8 to 8 good late rite metal 3" gauge of approved quality.								
	Mile 8 flg. 6 Deduct 16%	36	10	1~~0~~x5	24"	3600	M. B. 1005 P 62 & 63		
	Add previously paid					576 3024			
						1 7710 20734			
	Add previously paid					17710			
	Deduct previously paid					3024			

Net to be paid

Measured & recorded by me on spot.
Sd/- B. B.Shetwal,
S. D. O. Haliyal.

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LETTER.

From

The Superintending Engineer,
Southern Circle.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
BOMBAY

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No. C.-38./1
Public Works Department,
Belgaum, 24th February 1949.

Subject:- Annual check of metal in the Kanara Division during 1948.

In the coruse of the annual check of metal collected for repairs to roads in the Kanara Division during 1948, the checking officer found a deficit of 2,611 cft. of laterite metal in Mile 8 of Supa-Haliyal Road in the Haliyal Sub-Division.

2. The Executive Engineer, Kanara Division reports that as per road metal return the balance of the metal in the above mile was 23,002 cft., whereas according to the measurements taken by the checking officer the actual quantity of metal in the mile was found to be 20,391 Cft.

3. On investigation into the shortage in the balance of the metal the Executive Engineer reports that Mr. D. B. Shetwal, Officiating Deputy Engineer, then in charge of the Haliyal Sub-Division has recorded double measurements of 31 heaps of metal in Furlong 6 of Mile 8 of Supa Haliyal Road and the conractor was paid accordingly.

4. The Executive Engineer, therefore, called for the explanation of Mr. Shetwal in the matter. A copy of his explanation together with an extract para 1 of Executive Engineer's letter No. R-67/AB dated the 20th December 1948 is enclosed herewith for perusal. An extract from the measurement Book concerned showing the measurements of the metal in question as recorded by Mr. Shetwal is also submitted herewith for perusal. From the comments made by the Executive Engineer on the explanation and the measurements of the metal as recorded by Mr. Shetwal, the explanation offered is unacceptable and it reveals

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his gross negligence on the part of the Sub-Divisional Officer.

5. Due to the unsatisfactory work of the contractor his tender for metal collection work in Mile 7 to 10 of Supa Haliyal Road was rescinded and his Security Deposit was forfeited to Government. Nothing is now due to he contract r on account of this work. The excess payment of Rs. 678/- made to the contractor in the present case has therefore, been recovered by the Executive Engineer from his final bill for other work in the Haliyal Sub-Division.

6. Mr. D. N. Shetwal is not now serving in this Circle, but he is now officiating as Deputy Engineer, I/C of the Minor Irrigation Sub-Division, Bijapur under the Director of Agricultural Engineering.

7. ne action of Mr. Shetwal in recording the faulty measurements which resulted in overpayment to the contractor, calls for stringgnt measures I, therefore, recommend steppage of his increments for one year and a severe warning having regard to G. C. M (P. W. D.) No. S-40/30429, dated the 17th September 1947.

Accompts:-
1. Extract from Ex. Engr's letter dated the 20th December 1948.
1 Copy of Mr. Shetwal's explanation.
1 Extract from Measurement Book

Sd/-
24-2-49.
Superintending Engineer, S. C.

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The S. E., S. C., states that in the course of the annual check of metal collection for repairs to roads in the Kanara Dn., a deficit of 2,611 cft. of laterite metal was found in the Haliyal Sub-Division, when Mr. D. B. Shetwal, offg. Dy. Engr was in charge of the Sub-Dn., the Ex. Engr., Kan. Dn., after further investigation in the matter called for the ex-planation of Mr. Shetwal. The S. E. states that the explanation given by Mr. Shetwal is unacceptable as it reveals his gross negligence in recording the measurements of the metal. Double measurements of 31 heaps of metal in furlong 6 of mile 8 of Supa Halital Road were recorded and the contractor was paid accordingly. The excess payment made to the contractor has, however, been recovered by the Ex. Engr., from the Contractor's final bill for other work in the Haliyal Sub-Dn. The S. E. observes that the action of Mr. Shetwal in recording the faulty measurement, resulting in overpayment to the contractor, calls for stringent measure and accordingly recommends stoppage of his increment for one year and a severe warning given to him vide G. C. M. No. S. 40/30429, dated the 17-9-47.

2. Mr. D. B. Shetwal is not now serving in the S. C., but his he is now offg. as Dy. Engr., I/C of the Minor Irriga. Sub-Dn., Bijapur under the Dir. of Agricultural Engrg.

3. It is for consideration whether the S. E., S. C's recommendations may be accepted. The necy. further action will be taken on receipt of orders.

Through B. E. (I) & D. E. (R).

Id/- 7-3-49 S. E. S. C's recommendation may be accepted.

Id/- 7-3 Id/- 7-3-49

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Resubmitted with the necessary draft for approval.

2. As Mr. Shetwal is now serving under the Director of Agrl. Engrg., the G. L. is endorsed to that officer.

3. The papers may be submitted to the Secy., A. & R. D. D., Chief Secy. and the H. M., P. W. D.

Id/- Thro E. B. (I)
14-3-49
E. B.(I)

4. It is peresumed that the increment of Mr. Shetwal is to the stopped for one year without affecting his future increments. If so the draft with the secy. addition madexmyxix may issue.

5. A copy of the draft G. L. may be kept in the Personal File of Mr. Shetwal, offg. Dy. Engr.

Id/-
14-3-49. Id/-
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No. 434/48-C(I). Public Works Department.
B. C., 30th March 1949.

To
The S. E., S. C.

Subject: Checking of roadside material in Kanara Division.

Deficit in roadside metal on Supa-Haliyal Road.

Reference: Your confidential letter No C. 38/1, dated the 24th February 1949.

2. In the circumstances explained in your letter referred to above, Government is pleased to direct that the increment of Mr. D. B. Shetwal, Officiating Deputy Engineer, should be stopped for one year. The stoppage of the increment should not have the effect of postponing his future increments. He should also be severely warned for recording faulty measurements of roadside metal on the Supa-Haliyal Road, a copy of the warning being kept in His Personal Register.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

Copy forwarded to:
the A. & R. D. D.
the Director of Agrl. Engineering,
the A. G., Bombay,

for information. Id/- 14-3-49.
Id/- 17-3-49
Id/- 18-3-49.
Id/- 18-3-49.

Issued
(S. E. S. C. R. Dir)
Id/- 1-4-49.

(File No. 3488 A. & F. D.).

A. & F. D.

Submitted with ref. to the preceding underlying C. L. No. 0/5291-F, dated the 2nd Feby. 1949. The D. A E. was asked to hold departmental enquiry against Mr. D. B. Shetwal, Dy. Engr. M. I. Sub Dn., Bijapur under the civil Services conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules and to report the result to Govt.

An enquiry was accordingly held by the Ex. Engr., MI I. Dn., Dharwar of the charges regarding irregularities in respect of travelling allowance claims levelled against Mr. Shetwal. It seems from the enquiry that his attitude in preferring a claim for 2nd class Rly. fare when he actually travelled by road is apparently suspicious. When he actually travelled by road there was no reason for Mr. Shetwal to prefer a false T. A. Bill for 2nd class rail journey. His explanation that he did so because the rail route was cheaper, is not at all convincing.

Mr. Shetwal has also admitted having travelled in the contractor's car sometimes. But the enquiry shows that for these journeys he has not claimed any mileage allowance. Mr. Shetwal has stated in defence that these journeys were not made in the interests of Govt. work. The charge of having put up fradulent T. A. claims in this respect is not proved against Mr. Shetwal. The only defect is however of preparing the Bill in a defective manner.

There is no direct proof to charge Mr. Shetwal of the charges levelled against him. However, Mr. Shetwal's way of working seems to be careless and not befitting an officer of his status and responsibilities. It also seems that Mr. Shewal has been once punished by the P. W. D. by withholding his increment for one year xxxxx for recording faulty measurement of road side metal. This indicated that Mr. Shetwal is given to carelessnes in dealing with important Govt. documents. As a pubishment the Jt. Dir. has suggested two alternatives (1) stopping of Mr. Shetwal's increment fo one addl. year without having the effect of postponing his future

future increment. (ii) reverting Mr. Shetwal as an overseer. Owing to acute shortage of technical hands, the 2nd alternative may not be resorted to.

Besides there is not direct proof for the charges against Mr. Shetwal as the writer making the attefations against Mr. Shetwal is Pseudonymous. Mr. Kaulgi, who was alleged to have written the letter, has decied having written such a letter. Mr. Shetwal may, therefore, be given the benefit of doubt and punished by withholding his incfement for another year. The P. & S. D. may see u. e. The P. W. D. may also see.

Id/-
6-9-49.

Id/-
6/9 D. N. M.
Id/- 10/9

u. e. r. to P. & S. D.
dated 13-9-49.
P. W. D.

P. & S. D./D.

Since the B. S. E. cadre is under the general control of P. W. D. that Deptt. may see the papers for remarks first.

Id/-
16/9/49.

Id/- G. C.
17-9-49.

u. e. r. to P. W. D. dated 21-9-49.

A. & F. D.3788/62000

P. W. D.

E. B. (III).

These papers relate to a Departmental Inquiry held against Mr. D. B. Shetwal, Dy. Engr., M. I. Sub Dn., Bijapur, into certain allegations of fredulent T. A. claims. Although the charges have not been proved, the A & F. D. considers that Mr. Shetwal's way of working is careless and not befitting an officer of his status and responsibilities.

2. Mr. Shetwal was once punished by this Deptt. for recording faulty measurement of roadside material, by stopping his increment for one year vide G. L. No. 434/48-C(I), dated 30-3-49.

3. The A. & F. D. has proposed to punish Mr. Shetwal by withholding his increment for another year.

4. These papers have been refd. to this Deptt. for remarks in the matter. This Deptt. may gree to the proposal made by the A. & F. D. Viz. that Mr. Shetwal's increment should be withheld for one more year without affecting his future increments.

5. The papers may be returned to the P. & S. D. Id/- 29-9-49.

Id/-
29-9-49.

I agree with para. 4 of the O. N.

Id/- K. V.J(oglekar),
29-9-49
Id/- N. P. G(urjar),
2/10/49.
Id/- B. S. V(yas),
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Confdl.

u. o. r. to the P. & S. D. dated the 5th Oct. 1949.

IMO
16-7-56.